

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claims 1-20 in accordance with the following:

1-20. (CANCELLED)

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A product information brokerage system for mediating between plural users and plural manufacturers via an electronic network, comprising:

a user information storage unit holding information about user-owned products; and

a processing unit extracting, in response to incoming of log-in information from a user via said electronic network, user-owned product information of said user from said user information storage unit, the processing unit displaying a list of user-owned products of said user via said electronic network based on said extracted user-owned product information in a form of a screen prompting said user to select a processing and a user-owned product to be processed, and

where said processing unit executes processing directed to a manufacturer of said selected user-owned product based on user's selection of said processing and said user-owned product.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A product information brokerage method for mediating between a user and a manufacturer via an electronic network, comprising

linking user information input while selecting a user-owned product to be processed with stored product information; and

providing the user with product information related to the user-owned product and providing a manufacturer of the user-owned product with user information based on the linkage.